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SUBJECT: 2019 ACQUISITION EXCELLENCE AWARDS CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The Department of the Navy (DON) continues to acquire highly complex and sophisticated weapons systems in support of our war fighters. This has become increasingly challenging within this current budget environment, yet our acquisition workforce must continue to ensure that these systems are delivered with a commitment to reducing cost and increasing productivity, dedicated to supporting the war fighter and a strong sense of stewardship of taxpayer dollars. To honor those teams and individuals that have demonstrated excellence in these areas, it is with great pleasure that I call for nominations for the 2019 DON Acquisition Excellence Awards (AEA), for the period 1 July 2018 through 30 June 2019.

The AEA recognizes those acquisition professionals and teams that have made significant contributions to the Navy and Marine Corps acquisition process. Leveraging competition and small businesses, finding innovative procurement techniques, and superior professional acumen are the hallmarks of those outstanding persons and teams recognized by these awards. The 2019 award categories are:

- Individual Awards
 - o Program Manager of the Year
 - o Acquisition Professional of the Year
 - o Expeditionary Contracting Award
 - o Oreta B. Stinson Small Business Advocate Award
 - o Art Diaz Memorial Award
- Team/Organization/Command Awards
 - o Dr. Al Somoroff Acquisition Award
 - o Field Acquisition Activity Award
 - o Secretary's Cup
 - o Sarkis Tatigian Award
 - o Competition Excellence Acquisition Team of the Year
 - o Innovation Excellence Acquisition Team of the Year
 - o Small Business Team Award
- Individual or Team/Organization/Command Awards
 - o Ron Kiss Maritime Technology Transition Award
 - o International Acquisition Partnership Award

Please provide widest dissemination of this invitation for nominations within your command and field activities. The deadline for submission of candidate summaries is 4 April 2019 to the Director, Acquisition Career Management (DACM) Awards Coordinator at dacm.desk.fct@navy.mil. The DACM office will distribute all submissions to the responsible

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subject matter expert(s) for review and feedback. A review panel will recommend final selections for approval.

The DACM will issue nomination forms separately via email for the Art Diaz Memorial Award. The review panel will also review and recommend selections for the USD(A&S) Awards, Rear Admiral Wayne E. Meyer Award and Vice Admiral James H. Doyle, Jr Award.

The AEA ceremony will be held at the Pentagon on Tuesday, 5 November 2019. I am certain you share my appreciation and enthusiasm in recognizing our top acquisition performers. I look forward to your nominations and the opportunity to award our outstanding acquisition teams and professionals. Details on selection criteria, nomination procedures and program responsibilities can be found in the attachment. The DACM point of contact for nomination submission, award coordination, process or timelines is Craig McKay, 703.614.3745.



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